

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO AND
THE NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP IN
COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered by and between the County of San Luis Obispo (hereinafter "County") and the Nipomo Community Services District (hereinafter "District") with reference to the following Recitals:

RECITALS

- A. The District is a Community Services District formed and operated pursuant to California Government Code, Sections 61000 et seq. Pursuant to said code, the District is authorized to acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate recreational facilities, including, but not limited to, parks and open space; and
- B. The District is considering the activation of Park Powers pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act and the rules and regulations of the Local Agency Formation Commission (hereinafter "LAFCO"); and
- C. The County is the owner of certain real property consisting of approximately one (1) acre located at the northeast corner of West Tefft and Carrillo Street (APN 090-141-006) along with the adjacent 60-foot-wide strip of land to the west of this parcel, formerly a railroad right-of-way (a portion of APN 090-151-008), hereinafter referred to as "Property", as depicted in Exhibit "A"; and
- D. The District has requested the County to transfer ownership of the Property to the District, without compensation, for the purpose of constructing and operating a park; and
- E. The District has a 75' by 75' easement for water well purposes on County land across the street from said Property on APN 090-142-007, recorded on May 29, 1984 as Document No. 27332; and
- F. The District has not developed this site for water well purposes and no longer requires the easement; and
- G. The District requires an easement for a sewer lift station and sewer lines installed in the early 1980's on County-owned land, APN 090-142-007; and
- H. District requests a grant of easement from County for the sewer lift station and sewer lines and offers, in lieu of monetary compensation, to quitclaim the 75' x 75' water well easement currently held by District, described in Paragraph E above; and

- I. Pursuant to Government Code, Section 56824.14, in order to maintain a public park, the District's exercise of Park Powers must be approved by LAFCO; and
- J. Pursuant to Government Code, Section 25365, the Board of Supervisors may, upon determination that said Property is not required for County use and with a four-fifths vote of the Board, transfer fee title of said Property to District; and
- K. It is the purpose of this MOU to identify the responsibilities of the parties in developing the Property for use as a park and the transfer of the property to the District as well as the trading of easements.
- L. County wishes to cooperate with District's request to transfer the property to the District in order to provide a park to the community of Nipomo.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. County hereby determines that subject Property is not required for County use.
- 2. In lieu of monetary compensation and in consideration of District's offer to construct and maintain a public park on the Property, County intends to transfer ownership of the Property to District free of charge following completion of the steps outlined below. Nothing contained in this MOU shall be interpreted to predetermine the transfer of the property or to restrict County's full review and implementation of environmental review related to the transfer of this Property pursuant to CEQA. Said transfer shall require a future public hearing before the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Government Code Section 25365 after the environmental determination and General Plan Conformity Report are completed.
- 3. District will develop a plan identifying park features and improvements for approval by County Planning and Building Department.
- 4. District will provide County an analysis of the costs and the funding sources for construction of park improvements and for ongoing operation and maintenance. If such funding shall require the formation of an assessment district, transfer of ownership of the Property shall not occur prior to approval of the assessment district by the affected property owners.
- 5. Transfer of the property shall not occur prior to LAFCO activation of the District's Park Powers.
- 6. If required, District shall apply for a public lot split with County Planning and Building Department and provide all documentation necessary to obtain approval of the County Subdivision Review Board prior to recordation of the Quitclaim Deed. District shall provide, at District's expense, a legal description of the property to be transferred, which shall be an original exhibit to the Quitclaim

Deed. District agrees to submit a Voluntary Merger or Certificate of Compliance Application and processing fees, if required, to County Planning and Building Department.

7. County shall process a General Plan Conformity Report and Environmental Determination for the transfer of the Property. Transfer of the property shall not occur prior to filing of the General Plan Conformity Report and Environmental Determination with the County Planning Commission or, if appealed, approval by the County Board of Supervisors.
8. The Property shall be improved in substantial conformity to development plans as submitted to County and shall be open to the public within three years following date of recordation of the Quitclaim Deed.
9. The Property must be used for public park purposes. The property may not be used to provide a parking in-lieu program for nearby commercial development.
10. The Quitclaim Deed shall contain a reversionary clause giving County the right to require the Property to be transferred back from District to the County if the requirements of paragraphs 7 and 8 are not fulfilled.
11. District shall, at District's sole cost and expense, prepare an Easement Deed with original stamped legal description attached describing easement to be granted by County to District for sewer lift station area and sewer lines.
12. District shall, at District's sole cost and expense, provide an Environmental Determination for said sewer lift station and sewer line easement for review and approval by County Environmental Coordinator. Said Environmental Determination must be reviewed by the County Board of Supervisors prior to granting of the easement.
13. District shall, at District's sole cost and expense, prepare an Easement Quitclaim Deed to release the 75' x 75' water well easement on APN 090-142-007, recorded on May 29, 1984 as Document No. 27332.
14. Easement Quitclaim Deed for water well shall be signed by District in a timely manner and delivered to County along with a signed Certificate of Acceptance for the Easement Deed for sewer lift station and sewer lines. This action shall proceed independently of actions related to transfer of Property for park purposes. County staff shall present the Easement Quitclaim Deed to the County Board of Supervisors concurrently with the Easement Deed for sewer lift station and sewer lines in District's name. Subject to approval by the County Board of Supervisors, both documents shall be recorded concurrently. In the event that County Board of Supervisors does not approve the Easement Deed, Easement Quitclaim deed shall be returned by County to District.

15. District does not object to County's intention to develop their vacant land across the street from the Property (APN 090-142-007 and adjacent 60-foot-wide strip of land to the west of this parcel, formerly a railroad right-of-way, portion of APN 090-151-008) for future County facilities, so long as said development is consistent with the County's existing General Plan, General Plan policies, and zoning regulations.
16. Good Faith and Fair Dealing: Where the terms of this Agreement provide for action to be based upon opinion, judgment, approval, review or determination of either party hereto, such terms are not intended to and shall never be construed to permit such opinion, judgment, approval, review or determination to be arbitrary, capricious or unreasonable. The County and the District shall each act in good faith in performing their respective obligations as set forth in this Agreement.

//////////NOTHING FURTHER PAST THIS POINT EXCEPT SIGNATURES//////////

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO:

By: BRUCE S. GIBSON
Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

Approved by the Board of Supervisors this
24th day of MARCH, 2009.

ATTEST:

JULIE L. RODEWALD

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Sandy Curren
Deputy Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL EFFECT:**

WARREN R. JENSEN

County Counsel

By: Warren R. Jensen
Assistant County Counsel

Date: 1/13/09

**NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES
DISTRICT:**

By: Jim Harrison
Jim Harrison, President

Dated: _____

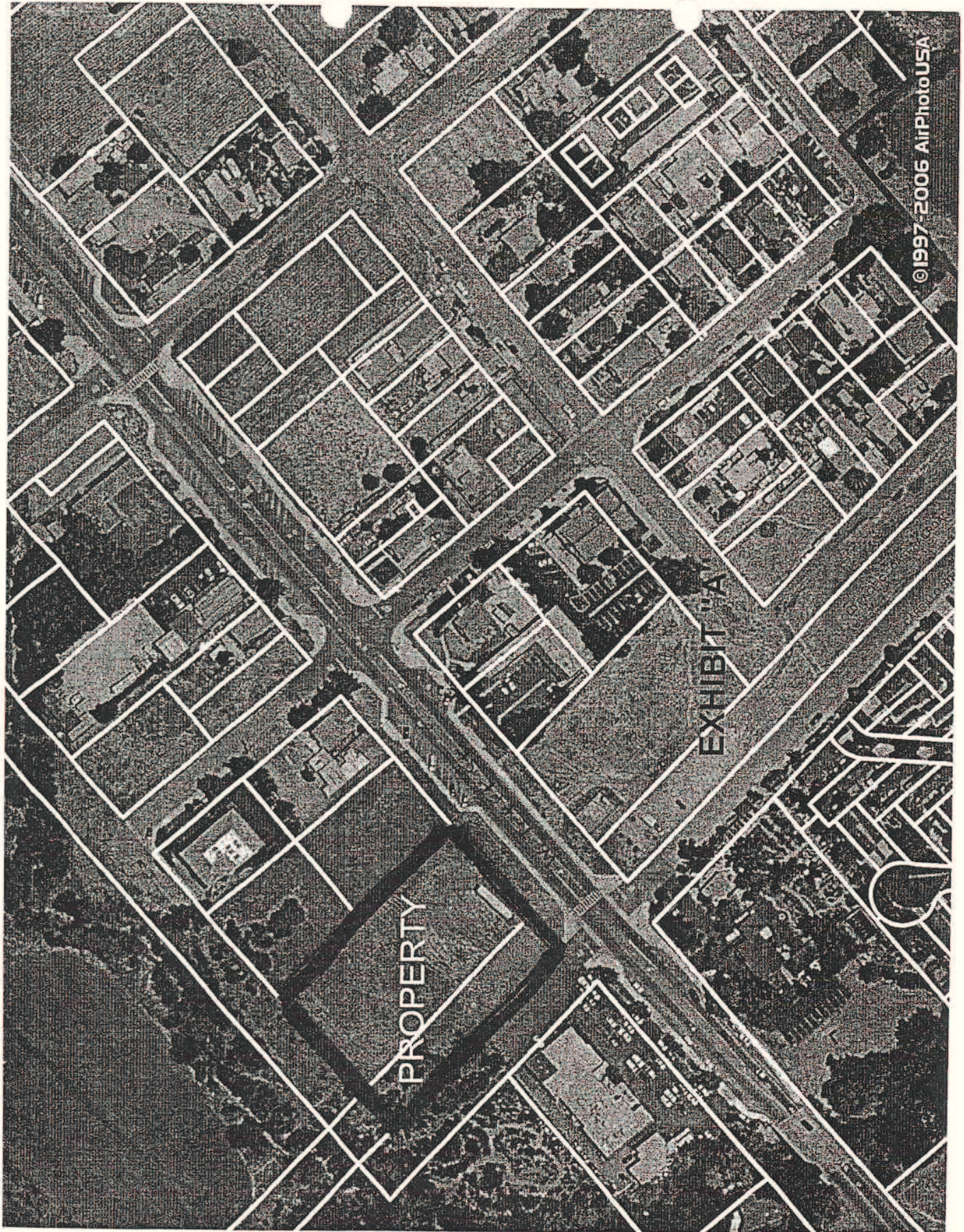
ATTEST:

[Signature]
District Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL EFFECT:**

Jon S. Seitz
Jon S. Seitz, District Legal Counsel
Nipomo Community Services District

Dated: 1-22-09



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